

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention provides an array substrate for an IPS-LCD device. The array substrate has an image display area and an image non-display area. A plurality of pixels are disposed in the display area. A plurality of switching devices each of that is disposed in each pixel are on the substrate. First and second lines apply signals to each switching device, and a plurality of first electrodes on the substrate are connected to each switching device. A plurality of second electrodes on the substrate are spaced apart from each first electrode. A plurality of electrostatic discharge devices are arranged in the non-display area, and each electrostatic discharge device is at a distance of more than one pixel pitch. A plurality of pads are arranged in the non-display area. A plurality of first connecting lines each of that connects each pixel to each electrostatic discharge device are arranged in the non-display area. A plurality of second connecting lines connect the electrostatic discharge devices to the pads.